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Cliff -- Response from Madrid (the excellent Ricardo Zuniga); Lisbon and Bern still pending.

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Madrid Daily Report for Friday, February 02, 2007
The latest on the CIA flights
(U) All Spanish media cover today Spanish parliamentary reaction to the CIA flights issue. Fatima Aburto and Gustavo de Aristegui, PSOE and PP Spokespersons for the Congress' Commission for Foreign Affairs, said February 1 that their parties support the declassification of the Spanish National Intelligence (CNI) documents if it a) helps to shed some light on what may have happened in Spanish airports, b) indicates whether human rights or international treaties have been violated in Spanish territory, and c) clarifies any possible legal responsibilities, all without damaging the fight against terrorism. Diego Lopez Garrido, PSOE overall spokesman in Congress, said he did not have any doubts that the GOS will observe the High Court decision, and that the GOS will ask for the declassification of the documents. The Office of the Secretary of State for Communication said that, "as of today, the GOS stands by the explanations given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Congress and in the European Parliament." **(All Media)**

Madrid Daily Report for Monday, February 12, 2007
Spanish media question military flights to Guantanamo
(U) EL PAIS reported Feburary 12 that the U.S. military used bases in Torrejón, Morón and Rota for military flights to and from Guantanamo Bay. EL PAIS gained access to Portuguese air traffic control flight records which showed seven direct flights between Guantanamo and U.S. bases in Spain since 2002. EL PAIS cited the bilateral convention prohibiting the transport of "controversial cargo" and implied that at least some of the flights must have contained controversial cargo (i.e. rendered individuals). The article acknowledges that there is no way of knowing either way, since U.S. flights receive blanket clearances at the bases and are not inspected by Spanish authorities. **(EL PAIS)**

(C) COMMENT: Embassy suspects that the United Left (IU) and others will attempt to use this information to expand the existing judicial inquiry into alleged CIA rendition flights transiting Spanish commercial airports. END COMMENT. **(EMBASSY)**

Madrid Daily Report for Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Congress will not investigate visit of Spanish authorities to Guantanamo
(U) The United Left (IU) party and the Catalan Republican Left (ERC) party registered a request in Congress on February 20 to create a commission to investigate military flights to and from Guantanamo Bay which also transited U.S. bases in Spain, as well as to investigate whether Spanish officials broke any laws by traveling to Guantanamo Bay to interrogate Spanish detainees. PSOE's congressional spokesman said February 20 that PSOE will not support the creation of such a commission. In the case of the flights, Lopez-Garrido noted a judicial investigation is already open. In the matter of the visit of Spanish authorities to Guantanamo he said, "the Congress cannot spend its time asking for explanations from the previous government." **(EL PAIS)**

Madrid Daily Report for Wednesday, March 07, 2007
Spanish judge will look into USMil Guantanamo flights
(U) Judge Ismael Moreno announced March 7 that he will formally request from Portuguese authorities all information pertaining to flights originated in Guantanamo going through the Iberian Peninsula airspace since 2001. Moreno has also asked the Spanish airport authority AENA for information on the seven direct flights between Guantanamo and the U.S. military bases of Rota, Morón, and Torrejón. **(EUROPA PRESS)**

Madrid Daily Report for Monday, March 12, 2007
Nothing new from GOS disclosure on CIA flights
(U) According to EL PAIS, documents provided by Spanish intelligence to National Court Judge Ismael Moreno on alleged CIA rendition flights do not provide any significant new information, and the documents have been heavily redacted, omitting names of drafters, recipients, and other details. **(EL PAIS)**